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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP ROME MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15

1. THE ROME GENEVA GROUP MET ON FEB 15 TO APPROVE ITS ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES TO THE GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATION-LEVEL MEETING IN GENEVA, MARCH 28 AND 29. THE FINAL COPY WILL BE POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

2. DISCUSSION OF THE ROME REPORT, DRAFTED BY US CO-CHAIRMAN, WAS BRIEF WITH ALL MEMBERS CONCURRING IN RESULT. DUTCH MADE SOME CHANGES TO UNDERLINE THEIR ORIGINAL HESITATION TO PRESS FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL TOO HARD AS THE GENEVA GROUP ON HOLDING DOWN BUDGET. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO WEAKENING OF SUPPORT FOR THE GENEVA GROUP CO-CHAIRMEN TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD A DIALOGUE WITH THE FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL ON THE 1978/79 FAO BIENNIUM BUDGET.

3. THE GROUP ALSO HEARD AND SUPPORTED THE PREPARATORY WORK OF ITS FINANCE SUBGROUP ON INFLATION AND EXCHANGE RATE
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CHANGES ON THE 1978/79 FAO BUDGET.

4. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, THE US CO-CHAIRMAN RAISED THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE BUREAU FOR THE UPCOMING MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY. THERE SEEMED TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT A DEVELOPED COUNTRY SHOULD BE CHAIRMAN. MR. GRIFFIN, IRELAND, WAS SUGGESTED.

5. ALSO UNDER OTHER BUSINESS THE UK CO-CHAIRMAN, ALEX
LANDYMORE, INFORMED THE GROUP THAT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERN-
MENT HAD AGREED THAT HE COULD AGAIN BE RAPPORTEUR OF THE
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL NEXT MEETINGS IN MAY OR
JUNE IF THE WFC MEMBERS AGREED. THE WFC SECRETARIAT
HAD BEEN SEEKING HIS ASSISTANCE.BEAUDRY

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